Mr. Mike Powell
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Dear Mike,

I take the unusual step of submitting this through you to Clem because of two prior experiences that may not reflect prejudice but suggest it.

The last oped page submission was in response to one of Meachum's more outrageous misrepresentations of the miliary balance in that area. It was edited into a letter in which the quo were removed, making it almost silly.

When Reid had his anti-ACLU column before the election I submitted an oped piece on the other side. Before drafting it I phoned a spoke to Clem. I did not ask his assurance that he would publish it, as I never have, only that it would be considered. He not only assured me it would be, he went farthur and said it then was quite topical and therefore of more interest. It did not appear in any form and your readers once again got only one side and that side was enormously distorted.

There is no point in my making any submission if it is not going to get fair consideration. There is nothing in me for it and I'm recovering from surgery on my better eye, which will have stitches in it for another 10 weeks. So, I don't want to eye-strain if it is a futility.

Hope you all have a good holiday
and a good year,

Harold